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INVESTMENT OF EPF IN SPECIAL DEPOSIT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Office has invested 80% of its Rs.1,04,000 crore total assests in a Special Deposit Scheme (SDS);

(b) if so, whether the fund would not be able to sustain a 9.5% interest rate as it would amount to eating its surplus which it put at Rs.400 crores; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by the EPFO in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): As on 30.09.2002, of the total corpus of Employees Provident Fund, 78.46% has been invested in the Special Deposit Scheme (SDS).

(b) & (c): According to the Central Board of Trustees (Employees Provident Fund), it would be sustainable to fix the rate of interest on Employees Provident Fund for 2002-2003 at 9.5%.